

VIII. Short Critical Notices of Books.

— **CARTHAGE AND HER REMAINS.**—By Dr. N. Davis, F.R.G.S. New York: Harper & Brothers. This elaborate reprint of an English book gives "an account of the excavations and researches on the site of the Phœnician metropolis of Africa and other adjacent places, conducted under the auspices of Her Majesty's government." It is written in an easy, conversational style, and contains a sort of diary of the process of excavation and research. The narration part is interspersed with interesting chapters relating to the history and overthrow of Carthage and other kindred topics. The work is well illustrated with a map and engravings of the excavations and disinterred remains of the ancient city, and of the other parts of the surrounding country explored by Dr. Davis. The work is a valuable contribution to ancient classical literature, and is an agreeable book of travel and research.

— **SEASONS WITH THE SEA HORSES.**—By James Lamont, Esq., F.G.S. New York: Harper & Brothers. To those who have read Lord Dufferin's "Notes from High Latitudes," this book will prove an interesting sequel. To some extent it relates to the same "high latitudes," and covers the same ground; but it presents a different phase of Arctic life. Lord Dufferin's book chiefly relates the incidents of a pleasure voyage within the Arctic circle; but Mr. Lamont's work, though containing the nature of a pleasure trip also, relates chiefly to the capture of seals, bears, and walrus on the coast of Spitzbergen—the proceeds of which were intended to defray in part the expenses of the trip. There is an air of reality and sincerity about the scenes and incidents described which gives a peculiar charm to the book, and renders it a most agreeable volume. The type is large, and the illustrations are excellent and striking.

— **THE BRITISH REVIEWS.**—The new volumes of the British Reviews, generally known as the *Edinburgh*, *North British*, and *London Quarterly*, commences from July, 1861. It would be difficult to recommend too highly these sterling publications, in which is employed some of the best intellect of Europe. The topics treated by them respectively embrace a wide range in literature, art, science, politics and religion, keeping the reader well-informed in regard to all that is most important. The *London* titled "Democracy on its Trial," which will challenge the greatest interest. *Quarterly*, which has just been laid on our table, contains an article on the writer arrives at the conclusion that "the Republican bubble has burst," and that American Democracy "has sunk from the decrepitude of premature old age." We fear there is too much likelihood of this opinion being realized. The reprint of these Reviews, is from the press of L. Scott and Co., publishers, 54, Gould Street, New York. (See advertisement in our last number.)

IX. Educational Intelligence.

— **SEPARATE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.**—The late examinations proved to a demonstration that education is rapidly advancing in this city. As far as the girls' schools are concerned, it must have been delightful to parents to behold their little daughters appear on the platform, with a degree of modesty and decorum that would do honour to ladies of a more advanced age; and respond with clearness, precision, and consciousness of their own ability, to questions in very difficult matters. They appear quite familiar with Geography, History, English Grammar, Arithmetic, and other branches that constitute a good education. They exhibited some beautiful penmanship, and also elegantly finished pieces of embroidery. The Boys' Department also maintained its honour nobly. Their Examination took place in the St. Paul's School rooms, when they acquitted themselves so well, that all present were highly pleased with the successful result of their labours. They showed great proficiency in Book Keeping, Arithmetic, Geometry, Algebra, Geography, &c. The pupils of all the schools gave evident signs of good training, and of having been taught a good system of education; and therefore reflect credit upon their teachers. The good sisters of St. Joseph and the Christian Brothers deserve our gratitude, for the manner in which they are educating our Catholic youth. They are a blessing to the city of Toronto. They are pointing out to the youthful mind the way to virtue, religion, morality, and useful knowledge. His Lordship the Bishop appeared highly pleased at all the Examinations, and so did the clergy, who were present in great numbers.—*Canadian Freeman*.

— **TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, COUNTY OF HURON.**—A meeting was held on 16th August in Clinton, Wm. Sloan, Esq., President, in the chair. An

Essay was read by the Chairman, on "the advantages and necessities of such Associations." M. C. H. Bornil read an Essay on the subject "of a County Competition of the Schools." Very interesting discussions followed on both subjects. Subjects were assigned for next meeting,—to Mr. James Ferguson, "on the distribution of Prizes in Schools;" Mr. C. M. Campbell "on Corporal Punishment!" Mr. Hamilton "on Competition." The next meeting was arranged for the December vacation.—*Communicated*.

— **THE PRINCE VISITS MAYNOOTH COLLEGE.**—His Royal Highness visited Maynooth College on the 27th July, accompanied by the Marchioness of Kildare, Mrs. Col. White, and Mrs. Gen. Bruce. The Prince was then conducted by Dr. Cullen through every part of the establishment, with the arrangements of which he expressed himself much pleased. Having courteously taken leave of Archbishop Cullen, the Rev. Dr. Russell, President, and the Rev. Dr. Whitehead, Vice-President, the Prince returned to Carton, where a number of the nobility and gentry of the surrounding country were invited to meet his Royal Highness at dinner. The President of the college, the rector of the parish, and the parish priest were among those honoured with invitations.

X. Departmental Notices.

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